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20 NOV 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James A. Garrison

SUBJECT : Commendation--Cornerstone Ceremony

I want to express my appreciation for the excellent job which you did in connection with our Cornerstone Ceremony on 3 November. I was very pleased with the way the Ceremony was carried out. No hitches developed, and everything went off smoothly. This success attests to the effective and painstaking way in which you organized the entire effort, which is the more commendable in view of the relatively short notice you were given in which to make all the arrangements.

Although I realize many people contributed to the success of the occasion, I would like to mention a few members of your staff whose efforts were particularly noteworthy. I understand that [] was largely responsible for the arrangements with the contractor, the General Services Administration, and the others who had the most to do with the preparation of the Site for the Ceremony. The setting was very suitably arranged and the well-organized layout contributed in great measure to the orderly progress of the Ceremony. [] did a most effective job of organizing the transportation facilities. I was pleased with the way the unexpectedly large crowd moved in and out of the Ceremony Site in such short order and without confusion. [] also did a splendid job in meeting the printing requirements on short notice. I am told too that [] on your staff provided invaluable assistance in many ways in helping you coordinate the entire effort.

Again, many thanks for the splendid support rendered by you and the other members of the Office of Logistics.

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Deputy Director
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Lawrence R. Houston

SUBJECT : Commendation--Cornerstone Ceremony

I want you to know how much I appreciate the fine job you did in organizing the reception of guests at our Cornerstone Ceremony on 3 November. The entire Ceremony went off extremely well, and the effectiveness of your entire group in handling this important part of the Ceremony program contributed in great measure to its success.

Please convey to your group of ushers my special thanks for the part they played. The courtesy and quiet efficiency of this attractive group was appreciated, I am sure, by our guests and made a fine impression for the Agency.

Signed

ALLEN W. DULLES
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L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director
(Support)

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20 NOV 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. John Warner

SUBJECT : Commendation--Cornerstone Ceremony

I want to commend you for the fine work you and your staff did in handling the guest invitations and protocol arrangements for our Cornerstone Ceremony on 3 November.

The problem of working out the priorities of seating and the other arrangements was perhaps the most delicate phase of the Ceremony arrangements. It required careful attention to detail to set up and maintain the correct seating order and avoid giving offense to anyone despite the many acceptances and cancellations which forced constant changes up to the last minute.

Your painstaking performance contributed very materially to the success of the Ceremony and I am most appreciative.

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Please convey my special thanks to
I understand he put in many hours of hard work and provided strong assistance to you in numerous ways.

Signed

ALLEN W. DULLES
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Sheffield Edwards

SUBJECT : Commendation--Cornerstone Ceremony

I want to commend and thank you for the fine way in which you and your staff carried out your end of the arrangements for our Cornerstone Ceremony on 3 November.

I know that the traffic handling and the other security arrangements for the Ceremony required effective negotiations to obtain the willing cooperation and assistance of many other agencies and individuals, not only at Federal but at State and local government levels. The traffic problem also was complicated by the exceptionally large number of automobiles which were being handled over a route not ordinarily travelled by this volume of traffic. Despite this, everything went smoothly and without incident. You and all of the agencies cooperating with you were responsible in large measure for the orderly progress of the Ceremony.

I understand that [redacted] particularly had the most to do with the accomplishment of the security role in the Ceremony, and I should especially like to commend him for the excellent job he did.

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Signed

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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Deputy Director
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20 NOV 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel Stanley J. Grogan

SUBJECT : Commendation--Cornerstone Ceremony

I was very pleased with the fine reception which the press accorded our Cornerstone Ceremony. I believe that your handling of the arrangements for the accommodation of the press requirements was largely instrumental in assuring the favorable play which the Ceremony and the Agency received. I want to thank you for your fine performance.

The event was something new in our lives and since it was one of the few occasions on which the "lid was off" it was doubly important that the press arrangements be handled with understanding and close attention to detail. You did a commendable job in this vital area and I am most grateful.

Signed

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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